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AMHERST RUBBER ESTATE, LTD.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS.

"That we have failed so far to make the estate a paying concern is no fault of ours. Your directors have passed through a very troublesome year, and the amount of correspondence that has taken place would fill volumes." This was the confession which Mr. J. D. Clark, the Chairman of the Amherst Rubber Estate, Ltd., had to make to the shareholders at their fifth annual general meeting held in Shanghai on December 17th.

The Chairman pointed out that they had to the credit of profit and loss account Tls. 17,835.89 after writing off fifty per cent. of their development account, instead of twenty-five per cent. This balance was carried forward to new account. The cost of their rubber this year was one shilling and eight pence per pound, as compared with over two shillings last year. Their total output for the year was 27,394 pounds as against 22,943 pounds for last year, which was not such a good showing as they would like. With the price of rubber much higher and the likelihood of it reaching a still higher figure, they hoped not only to struggle through their difficulties but to make the company a success.

The difficulties arose, apparently, in a large measure owing to the unsatisfactory conditions on the estate. The Company's Rangoon auditors were asked to hold the audit on the estate, as the accounts and books kept there. Their report concluded:—"If we could have got a reliable man we would have dismissed the whole staff, but, as we did not want to close the place down without consulting you, we wired you as follows. Everything very unsatisfactory. Advise change entire staff and close down. Unable find reliable manager."

What the manager himself said was not made public. The Chairman stated that they had received a slightly different account from him, but as it was full of personalities which might be libellous he refrained from reading it. The manager tendered his resignation, giving a month's notice, but it was decided not to accept the resignation until all accounts were in order.

The manager is still on the estate and the Directors are awaiting a reply to the letter of October 14th. During the year the Assistant Manager resigned, and the Chairman thought it necessary to cut down the staff as much as possible. The Directors are now negotiating for the reconstruction of the company and an experienced estate manager and rubber expert has been engaged to visit the estate and make a full report.

AYER TAWAH RUBBER CO.

SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION.

FURTHER SHARE ISSUE.

An eminently satisfactory condition of affairs was disclosed at the sixth annual general meeting of the Ayer Tawah Rubber Co., held in Shanghai on Friday afternoon, December 17th, and the chairman, Mr. J. H. Teesdale, in commenting upon the report of the year's working heartily congratulated the shareholders upon the excellent financial position.

Three interim dividends of 5 per cent. each had been paid during the year, the balance standing to the credit of profit and loss account after deducting the sum represented by these payments was Tls. 25,945.35 and it was decided to pay a partial dividend of 10 per cent., making 20 per cent. for the year, and absorbing Tls. 20,000; to write off Tls. 42,881.25 on the Estate Development account; to establish a cash reserve of Tls. 10,000.00 and to carry forward Tls. 13,058.09.

The Company's output was short of the estimate by 4,663 pounds. This shortage was attributed to the deficiency in native labour and it was reported that instructions had been given for the recruiting of 300 more Javanese.

Following the general meeting, an extraordinary general meeting was convened at which it was decided to increase the capital of the Company. The chairman explained that when the Ayer Tawah Co. was incorporated in 1909 the area of the estate was 683 acres. It is now a little over 1,000 acres and the extensions have all been purchased out of revenue. Attention was made to the excellent capabilities of the district, where the estate is located, for growing rubber, and the directors felt strongly that the present land should be seized to take up more land adjoining the estate while it could be had for the asking.

It was agreed that the capital of the company should be increased to Tls. 300,000 by the creation of 10,000 additional ordinary shares of Tls. 10 each; that 2,000 of these shares should be offered in the first instance at a premium of Tls. 15 per share to the members of the company in proportion of one share for no less than every 10 shares and that the balance of 8,000 additional shares should be offered in the first instance to shareholders at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Directors might deem expedient but at such price as the company in general meeting should determine.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors of the company at the annual remuneration of Tls. 200.

In the House of Commons recently Sir Edward Grey said that only the crisis in public affairs prevented him from resigning in sympathy with Lord Haldane when Lord Haldane left the Cabinet.

EWO COTTON S. & W. CO.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on December 16th at the offices of the general managers (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.).

Mr. J. Johnstone, who presided said:—"The profit for the year was Tls. 530,268.14, which you will doubtless consider highly satisfactory, although it falls short of our record twelve months—1912/13—when we earned Tls. 552,278.33 and paid a dividend of Tls. 15 on the ordinary shares."

It is now proposed to pay a dividend of Tls. 10 on the ordinary shares, a record in the company's history, and I venture to hope that this return will have the approval of shareholders.

From the report it will be seen that it is proposed to write off plant and machinery Tls. 70,000 and Buildings Tls. 20,000; these amounts exceed last year's appropriations by Tls. 5,000 and Tls. 2,000 respectively, and are necessitated by the additions during the year.

In recognition of the services rendered to the company by the European and Chinese staffs at the mills, the Consulting Committee have appropriated the sum of Tls. 10,500 for the payment of a bonus to our employees at the discretion of the general managers. I take this opportunity of mentioning that the success of the company is, in a great measure, due to the untiring efforts of the staff, and we are greatly indebted to the assistance and advice that is rendered to the general managers by our Mill Superintendent, Mr. Kerfoot (Hear, hear).

We now come to the allocation of Tls. 150,000 to Reserve Fund—to some shareholders this may appear a large sum to set aside, but competition becomes keener and keener, and the Consulting Committee firmly believe that we can only meet it successfully by building up our reserves during good times, and by investing them to advantage in improving our properties."

Subject to your confirmation of the appropriation to Reserve, that Fund will stand at Tls. 350,000, in addition to which we have Tls. 500,000 at credit of Equalization of Dividend Account, and I think you will admit that with Reserves amounting to Tls. 850,000 we can look to the future with equanimity.

From the accounts you will observe that during the year considerable additions have been made to our buildings and plant and machinery, and I am of opinion that our energies in the matter of extensions are in the right direction."

During the first ten months of our financial year we experienced a satisfactory demand for all our products, but I regret to say that since the end of August, trade generally in yarn and cloth has left a great deal to be desired, and at the moment the future outlook is causing your general managers grave concern—so much so that it may be found necessary to resort to short time before many weeks elapse.

Not since the Revolution in 1911 have we been faced with the necessity of selling yarn below the cost of production in order to keep stocks at a reasonable level, but this is the position to-day, and if there is no improvement in a short while, I fail to see how we can do otherwise than minimize our loss by curtailing production."

I am inclined to the opinion that the present unfortunate state of affairs has been mainly brought about by the Monarchical movement, which is undoubtedly causing native bankers and traders great uneasiness, and, until a settlement is arrived at, we cannot look for any decided improvement in trade.

The great scarcity of dyes and the consequent extreme cost of coloured goods is also restricting consumption of yarn and cloth to some extent, and I fear that no great relief can be expected in this direction until peace is arranged in Europe, or the Chinese are able to produce abundant supplies of vegetable dyes, which, given time they will be able to do. Last season's China cotton crop was an average one, but this year the growth in the districts surrounding Shanghai was a partial failure and indications point to the local mills having to import large quantities of foreign cotton during the next few months.

Owing to a small crop in America, cotton prices the world over are very high, but at the moment we can reasonably anticipate any relief in the cost of our raw material in the near future.

As regards taxation of local mill products, I am sorry to say there is no improvement and I fear that, until the Customs Import Tariff is revised, many of the goods we now manufacture will be taxed at a higher rate than similar articles from foreign countries. In this connection, I should like to call your attention to a recent regulation of the Chinese Customs by which cotton wastes produced by local mills are called upon to pay 5 per cent. export duty and 24 per cent. import duty at any port of destination in China—in all 74 per cent.—whereas imports from foreign countries obtain entry into China on payment of only 5 per cent. duty.

Actions of this nature clearly indicate that the Government takes little interest in the welfare of its industries, otherwise their products would at least pay no more in taxes than goods from foreign factories. This season the watering of cotton has been more serious than since the cotton Anti-Adulteration Association was promoted, and but for the Testing House it is impossible to say to what length adulteration would be carried in years when there is not an abundant supply of raw material in this district.

In answer to Mr. Morris, the Chairman said there were now 500 looms working and 72,000 spindles.

The reports and accounts were adopted, and resolutions were carried declaring a dividend of Tls. 10 per share on the ordinary share and the granting of a bonus of Tls. 10,500 to the staff.

In returning thanks on behalf of the staff, Mr. Kerfoot, the Mill Superintendent, mentioned that at the present time they employed nearly 5,000 operatives and their distinct branches of cotton manufacture were equal to any of the large manufactures at home.

SUNGALA RUBBER ESTATE, LTD.

THE WINDING-UP OF THE OLD COMPANY.

A general meeting of shareholders of the Sungala Rubber Estate, Ltd., (in voluntary liquidation) was held at the offices of the secretaries and general managers, Cecil Holliday & Co., Ltd., 18b Klauke Road, Shanghai, on December 16th.

Mr. K. McKelvie, Liquidator, reported that the affairs of the company had been fully wound up in order to reconstruct the Company with a smaller capital and to provide further funds for the development and upkeep of the Company's rubber estate. An agreement was duly completed between myself as Liquidator of the old Company—proceeded Mr. McKelvie—and the Directors of the new Company (which was duly formed and registered) by which the new Company took over all assets and liabilities whatsoever of the old Company and undertook to allot one share in the new Company for every four shares in the old Company and one share for each one-tenth of the second mortgage debentures in lieu of the same. Under this scheme all shareholders in the liquidating Company were entitled to receive one new share of the value of one tael in the new Company in exchange for every four shares held in the liquidating Company and to claim within a limited period an allotment of one share in the new Company for each share held in the liquidating Company on payment of one tael each to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Where the multiple of four was not obtainable, the odd share or shares were placed to a separate account and paid for at the rate of two mace five candareens for each odd share, being its proper value. The share capital of the old Company was 42,000 shares (of Tls. 5 each) which, divided by four, called for 10,500 shares of one tael each in the new Company, and the amount of the second mortgage debentures was Tls. 5,744; thus calling for 5,744 new shares, making a total in all of 16,254 new shares. Of these 16,254 shares, I have issued to the shareholders in the old Company 14,454 shares, and the balance of 1,804 shares I have reserved for the new Company in my own name to be issued to the old shareholders, as and when applied for, in exchange for share certificates in the old Company. These shares have been transferred in the books of the Company and there are no means of ascertaining the present holders. All the liabilities of the old Company were defrayed as per agreement by the new Company. The assets were also taken over by the new Company; therefore, no actual property has come into my possession, and hence there are no accounts to be submitted.

There were no questions and the meeting then terminated.

CURRENCY REFORM IN CHINA.

REDEMPTION OF NOTES.

Satisfactory progress in the redemption of paper currency in the Province of Kweichow and Szechuan has been reported to the Ministry of Finance says the *Peking Daily News*. Altogether eight series of notes of various denominations ranging from \$10 to 10 cents have been withdrawn and redeemed through the agency of the Bank of China. The total value of the notes so withdrawn from circulation amounts to the sum of \$119,000.

The third instalment of the redemption of the military notes was also accomplished in Szechuan. Notes to the value of \$400,000 have been withdrawn and were destroyed in public.

In face of all difficulties, currency reform is gradually being effected throughout the country, as proved in the case of the above two reports from the provinces of Kweichow and Szechuan.

RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

It is reported by the Ministry of Communications that in the next year the following five railways will probably be constructed:—

- (1) Chang-Sui Railway (from Kalgan to Suiyuanchen) 317 miles.
- (2) Chang-Ku Railway (from Kalgan to Urga) 800 miles.
- (3) Lan-I Railway (from Lanchow to Ili) 2,500 miles.
- (4) Sining Railway (from Sianfu to Nanjing) 800 miles.
- (5) Si Lan Railway (from Sianfu to Lanchow) 500 miles.

The total length of the proposed railways amounts to 4,017 miles.

A railway accident occurred between the Hsiachoway and Luohashan stations of the Peking-Hankow Railway on December 9th. The accident was caused by a collision of two trains running in opposite directions. The locomotives were completely smashed and over twenty cars loaded with goods were also damaged. The loss is estimated at over \$200,000. Fortunately no passenger was killed or injured. Officials alleged to be responsible for the accident have been placed under arrest pending further investigation.

FAR EASTERN MEN AND THE WAR.

Capt. H. C. O. Perry-Ayscough (Royal India Rifles), of the Chinese Postal Service, who was well-known in Peking, Mukden, Shanghai and Foochow, has, it is feared, been killed in action. He took part in an early morning attack on the German lines, and was seen to get over the parapet, go a little way and then fall. It is thought that he was hit by machine-gun fire. At the time there was not much light, and he was not seen again by our men, who, after holding the enemy's line all day, had to return for lack of reinforcements, under cover of darkness the same evening.

IMPORTING OPIUM INTO CHINA.

EXEMPLARY SENTENCE IN U. S. COURT.

In the U. S. Court, Shanghai, on December 16th, before Judge C. S. Lobinger, H. P. Beeks, pleaded guilty to importing into Shanghai, on December 10th, 1915, about sixteen pounds of opium, being thereby guilty of importing opium into China.

The defendant in the witness box said that he left Shanghai to go to Harbin on a business proposition which concerned his going into the Grand Hotel there. The proposition seemed to promise well and he left to come back to Shanghai in order to straighten his affairs and to obtain some money to put into the venture. On his way down while he was at Harbin he met a passenger coming down on the boat who told him of the trade in opium and who said that the only thing which could be done to him was to confiscate the opium. He saw that if he could get the opium through he need not borrow the money that otherwise he would have to borrow.

The Judge—You knew that the importation of opium was forbidden?—Not from one port to the other.

You knew that the bringing of the opium into the country was unlawful?—To the extent of confiscation, yes.

You knew it was unlawful and you had just got through serving another sentence?—Yes.

Don't you think it was up to you to keep from such things having got over a light sentence for a serious offence?—Well, I did not stop to consider that.

The defendant said that this was his first venture in the opium business. The drug was found in his bags, and he had made no attempt at concealment.

The Judge was of opinion that this was a case for the maximum penalty. A light sentence had been given to the defendant in the other case to give him an opportunity of doing better. He did not do that but went into something which was reprehensible and the worst thing, he thought, that an American could do. The Government had started out with the intention of breaking this trade up and the fine of \$500 gold which he would impose was little enough for the offence. Beeks, who was given until 5 p.m. to find the money, was committed to Bilbilid prison until the fine is paid.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

COB'S ORDERS BY MAJOR-GEN. A. CHAPMAN, V.D.

LEAVE.

- 1.—Pte. K. Brayshaw is granted leave of absence from 22nd December, 1915 to 3rd January, 1916.

PARADES.

- 2.—Parades for to-day.
7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8th December, 1915—Morse flag and Morse lamp practice at Headquarters.
5.15 p.m. Recruits of Engineer Co.—Musketry and Rifle exercises at Taihook Dockyard under Sgt. Everett.
5.15 p.m. Recruits of Right Section M. G. Co. Squad drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters.
5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units (except Right Section M. G. Co. and Signalling Section)—Squad drill and Musketry exercises at Headquarters under Serjt. Major Higby.
Remainder, nil.

DETAILS.

- 3.—Gua Club Hill, Kowloon.
On duty until morning of 26th inst.—H.K.V.R.
F of W. Camp, Kowloon.
On duty until morning of 26th inst.—H.K.V.R.

G. E. Szwanz, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.V.R.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PARADES 5.30 P.M.

- Monday, January 3rd.—No. 3 Company.
Tuesday, January 4th.—No. 3 Company.
Wednesday, January 5th.—No. 2 Company.
Thursday, January 6th.—All Recruits of Nos. 2 and 3 Companies.
Friday, January 7th.—All Recruits of No. 1 Company.

PATROL DUTIES.

The Schedule of Duties for January, 1916, will be issued to Inspectors and Sergeants on December 23rd.

The offer made by No. 3 Company to take over the Christmas Patrol Duties of the other Companies is intended to extend only to those Patrolmen who require leave. The exchange of duties is in the discretion of Inspector Mow Fung and the warning officers of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies.

JOINED.

- No. 1 Co., No. 1 Platoon.—J. Wattie.
No. 2 Co.—F. X. Mendes.
No. 3 Co.—So Met Tai, Ng Tsz Chan.

MAXIM GUN.

Members of the Police Reserve having practical knowledge of the use of the Maxim Gun are required to inform this office, stating the extent of their experience.

F. O. JERKIN,
D. S. P. (Reserve).

Experts are of the opinion that the invention, by Frederick Dahl, a Norwegian, of a system whereby he claims he can transmit any number of words simultaneously by means of an automatic photographic electric apparatus, will completely revolutionise existing methods of telegraphy.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING.

The annual prize-day in connection with the Italian Convent was held yesterday at the Convent in Caine Road. Lady May attended the function, and among others present were Mr. R. Ponsonby (Private Secretary to the Governor) Lady Rees Davies, the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, the Portuguese Consul and Mme. d'Obaldia, Mr. Bena (of the Italian Consulate), Mr. and Mrs. E. Ralphs, Rev. Father Gabardi, Rev. Father Noval, Rev. Father Zamponi, Rev. Father de Maria, and Brother Aimar (Brother Director of St. Joseph's College).

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Rev. Fr. DE MARIA read the following report of the Manager for the year 1914-1915:—I have the honour to present my report on the school for the year just closed.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death, on 25th August last, of Sister Teodora (Sister Dorina), who for over 40 years was associated with the school, first as one of its teachers and subsequently as the Superioress. Although for some time before her death Sister Dorina, through ill health, had not taken an active part in the teaching of the School, her linguistic attainment, long experience and intimate knowledge of its needs were invaluable in the councils that deliberated for its betterment. Her loss is irreparable.

In point of attendance, the school year 1914-1915 has established a record. The number of pupils increased to 367 in April last while the average daily attendance for the whole year has been 324.08, as compared with 300.5 in 1913-1914.

At the present time the staff consists of fourteen teachers, who are efficiently assisted by pupil teachers. In order to comply with the requirements of the Education Department the latter have been attending the Teachers' Class of the Technical Institute. Their number increased from one to five. I have pleasure in reporting that all the pupil teachers successfully passed the Institute's examination held in June last.

The School's syllabus, in so far as it related to the Upper Classes, was adapted so as to conform with the standard set by the Hongkong University. The syllabus for the rest of the school is now approved by the Director of Education.

The Inspector of English Schools, Mr. E. Ralphs, conducted a minute examination of the whole school before the midsummer holidays. As a result of that examination that official was pleased to report the school as "thoroughly efficient."

In addition to the subjects prescribed by the syllabus private lessons are given in Portuguese, Italian and French, Typewriting and Shorthand, as well as Painting and Drawing. Many pupils attend these private classes, and there is evidence that typewriting and stenography are becoming increasingly popular.

Ten scholars presented themselves for theory and speed examinations held by Pitman's Committee in June, October and November, respectively. The result of the earliest examination has already been received, two "Theory Certificates" having been granted to Miss Dorothy Ruzavet and Miss Frances Sayce. The certificates will be presented this afternoon. The result of the examinations held in October and November is not yet to hand. The papers have been forwarded to Bath for correction.

In the Music Class enthusiasm continues unabated. It is a singular fact worth recording that Chinese scholars are taking to music in increasing numbers. It is hoped that the time will soon arrive when the Hongkong University will see its way to award Certificates of Music in the same way as they were awarded by the Local Committee of the London College of Music. I commend the subject to the notice of the University authorities.

To fall into line with the new Grant Code now in operation, the Oxford Local Examinations were given up in favour of the Junior and Senior Examination conducted by the Authorities of the Hongkong University. These examinations were held from the 12th to the 17th July, inclusive. Six candidates were sent up for the Junior and one for the Senior examinations, of whom four and one passed, respectively. The Juniors passed with Distinction and the Senior, Miss Un Pak San, enjoys the further distinction of having passed with Honours. She was one of the only two girls to have passed with Honours in the Senior section among

all the girl candidates who presented themselves for examination from the schools in the Colony.

By the courtesy of Rev. Bro. Aimar, director of St. Joseph's College, and the Committee of the Old Boy's Association, the scholars of this school participated in the sports held at Happy Valley at Easter Tide. So numerous were the entries for the two open races that they had to be run off in heats, resulting in wins by:—Miss Leonor Colaco and Miss Branca Pereira.

The honour of having their names inscribed on the Lugard Shield belongs this year to Miss Florentina Nunes, and Miss Violet Tsan. It will be remembered that the Shield was presented by Lady Lugard for the girls who set the best example in the school during the year for character and moral worth. To perpetuate Lady Lugard's practice prizes have been awarded these two girls by the School of two medals which your Ladyship will be asked to present this afternoon.

The Lugard Scholarships founded in 1910 by the late Sir Hormusjee Modji, under certain specific conditions were won last year by:—Miss Helen Clarke, and Miss Mercedes Coelho, and this year by Miss Florentina Nunes.

Dr. F. M. Grace Ozorio has very generously donated a Scholarship in commemoration of his late brother, Mr. Francisco de Grace Ozorio. Dr. Grace Ozorio's commendable purpose is to assist the successful scholar to pursue her course of studies to a successful end. His scholarship has been so designed, and has been won by Miss Dolly Hanson.

The special prize for Religious Knowledge is the gift of His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni. Miss Carrie Tennyson has been adjudicated the winner.

An order by the Governor-in-Council was passed on the 10th August last requiring that a medical examination of every Boarding School be conducted every six months by a registered Medical Practitioner on the general health of the boarders and on the sanitary condition of the school building, as a whole and of the dormitories in particular. Such an inspection was carried out on the 15th December by Dr. O. Marriott, of the firm of Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Harston. The number of "resident scholars" coming under the notice of the Medical Examiner on that occasion was:—

75—First class Boarders,
85—Eurasian Orphans,
237—Chinese Orphans,
making a grand total of 377. The following extract is taken verbatim from Dr. Marriott's report:—"Any cases of illness occurring in this school are either treated under my care in the Infirmary in the building, or if of long duration or in such condition that their health might be a source of danger to others, they are transferred to the hospital at Wanchai for treatment, and in my opinion this well-arranged system accounts for the small amount of sickness among the scholars."

I also inspected the dormitories and recreation rooms, schoolrooms, lavatories and bath rooms, and found all well kept, well ventilated, perfectly clean and sanitary and in every way satisfactory.

While on the subject of health and sanitation, I may be permitted to state that Dr. V. M. Koch, of the Government Civil Hospital, has very kindly consented to give at the Convent a course of lectures on "First Aid" to the Senior girls and a few of the teachers who can be spared to attend them. Arrangement will be made that the lectures be held under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association, and that the usual examination be held at the end of the course, for the Certificate. At the suggestion of the Hon. Lecturer there will be two classes: girls over sixteen will attend one class, and there will be another course for those under 16, which course has to be rather more elementary. It is proposed that the lectures will commence after the Christmas vacation. The value and utility of "First Aid" have been so amply demonstrated that it is hoped many scholars will avail themselves of the kindness of Dr. Koch and attend the lectures in large number.

In concluding this report I am charged with the agreeable duty to thank our friends and Patrons for their generous donations towards the Prize Fund, in particular His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni, Lady Chater, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Sin Tak Fan, Dr. F. M. Grace Ozorio, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Cho Po Sien and Mr. A. Abdoolrahim.

Lady May then distributed the prizes in accordance with the following list:—

LUGARD SHIELD—1914 Florentina Nunes; 1915 Violet Tsan.

SENIOR CLASS.—Un Pak Sun University Pass, with Honours and distinction in English.

JUNIOR CLASS.—Maud Braga, Nydia Barretto and Mary Walter University Pass with distinction in Religious Knowledge; Helen Clark University Pass with distinction in Needlework; May Higgins prize for English Language and Literature; Maria da Rosa prize for Conduct and Needlework.

PRELIMINARY CLASS.—Florentina Nunes and Lindamira Nunes for General Proficiency; Christina Ozorio for Conduct and Application; Eva Chu for Conduct and Needlework.

CLASS 6.—Antonia Campos, Bertha Goon and Louisa Gill for General Proficiency; Cynthia Tavares for Application and Geography; Assunção Lian for Application and Arithmetic; Isabel del Campo for Object Lesson and Needlework.

CLASS 5.—Adela del Campo, Maria Remedios and Teresa Gill for General Proficiency; Daisy Tam for Composition and Hygiene; Luíslinda de Jesus for Religious Knowledge and Hygiene; Bertha Carvalho for Application and Reading; Sophia a Nemice for Religious Knowledge and Reading; Triny Lopes for Conduct and Politics; Maria Jison and Maria Teijico for Conduct and Politics; Sophie Anderson for Conduct and Application; Martha Cruz for Needlework.

CLASS 4.—Puri Campos and Agnes Fung for General Proficiency; Juanita Goncalves for Composition and Geography; David Wan for Arithmetic and Geography; Ivy Low for Arithmetic and Grammar; Annie Pereira for Needlework and Drawing; Margaret Holden for Dictation and Dictation; Alicia Carvalho for Religious Knowledge and Grammar; Antonia Paulo for Reading and Arithmetic; Candida Paulo for Recitation; Maria Baptista for Embroidery; Alice Low and Laura Santos for Needlework.

CLASS 3.—Maria Campos, Gonçalo McGuire, Lily McGuire and Stella Rocha for General Proficiency; Agnes Gill for Religious Knowledge and Arithmetic; James Braga for Composition and Geography; Casimira Silva for Dictation and Drawing; Beatrice Johnson for Religious Knowledge and Grammar; Susie Kotwall for Application and Reading; Alice Solomon for Application and Reading; Paqueta Montalto for Conduct and Politics.

SPECIAL CLASS 2.—Daisy Li, Flora Mok and Ruby Lo for General Proficiency. CLASS 8.—Corazon Mapa, Amy Watt and Marcel Martin for General Proficiency; Cissy Horley for Religious Knowledge and Geography; Helena Akana for Religious Knowledge and Recitation; Conchita Garcia and Tony Braga for Religious Knowledge and Object Lesson; Annie Solomon for Application and Geography; Milita Remedios for Application and Arithmetic.

SPECIAL CLASS 8.—Nelly Chow, Lily Tsang and Nancy Tsan for General Proficiency.

KINDERGARTEN. CLASS 9.—Maria Soriano for Conduct and General Proficiency; Norah Barretto, Daisy Liew, Sogra Nemasee, Elsie Watt, Ida Sim, Sandy Owen, and Leonor Colaco for Conduct and Application.

CLASS 10 (i).—Rovie Kwok, Charlie da Rosa, Angeles Campos, Hassan Nemasee, Anita Kim, Celestina Xavier, Victor Lau, Conceicao Olave, Fernando Remedios, Irene Passmore for Conduct and Application.

CLASS 10 (ii).—Dorothy Ray, Alice da Rosa, Louis Tam, Lourdes Campos, Edward Olave, Robert Watt, Albert Ward, Alberto Castilho, Nelly Kew, and Alberto Baptista for Conduct and Application.

SPECIAL PRIZES. Drawing:—Adela del Campo, Milly da Silva, Ivy Low and Gloria Campo, French:—Bertha Carvalho.

MUSIC:—For Piano Maria Jison, Conchita Jison, Maria Teijico, Esther Carvalho, Emilia Figueiredo, Lily McGuire, Gloria Felices, Isabel del Campo, Puri Campos, Antonia Campos, Teresa Young.

For Violin:—Assunção Lian. Shorthand:—Maud Braga for Speed; Dorothy Ruzavet and Frances Sayce, 1 man's Theory Certificate.

Typewriting:—Isabel del Campo, Triny Lopes and Eileen O'Sullivan.

Eurasian Orphan Girls:—Ottillie Ricci and Marianne Pompeia for Needlework; Luisa Dore and Eugenia Ricci for Embroidery.

Chinese Orphan Girls:—Quai Mui for Needlework; Tam Ho Ho and Li Ha Hon for Embroidery; Choun Anna for Hosiery. Special Prize for Religious Knowledge:—Carrie Tennyson.

A most delightful entertainment was provided by the children of the Convent. Those contributing were:—Misses E. Figueiredo and P. Campos (piano duet), Miss M. Soriano (recitation), Misses G. Felices, F. Neves, P. Benito, M. de Jesus, E. Danenberg, A. del Campo, and E. Figueiredo (chorus), Miss D. Morris (piano), Miss M. E. Cabaco (recitation), Miss M. Jison (piano solo), Miss C. Fanie (recitation), Misses M. and S. Jison (piano) and Misses J. Braga and A. Sian (violin), instrumental quartette. An action song and fancy drill was charmingly carried out by Misses B. White, E. Sullivan, and F. Neves, with 24 pretty little fairies and Miss C. Jison as accompanist.

At the close little Miss J. HARRIS-WALKER said:—"My school friends have tried to entertain you with music and recitation this afternoon. It is now my turn to do my part. It is very small one indeed: it is to do the bidding of the Mother Superior and teachers. They have told me to thank you one and all very much indeed for being so kind as to come here to-day and attend our prize-giving. We children have been looking forward to this day for quite a long time and we are glad and thankful that so many friends of the school have come to rejoice with us to-day."

The speaker concluded by wishing Lady May and all friends and benefactors a "Happy Christmas." She then handed Lady May a bouquet of roses.

Lady May expressed her thanks, and assured the children that she had enjoyed their entertainment very much indeed. Mr. Ponsonby, speaking on behalf of Lady May, said that her ladyship had on previous occasions had the honour of being present at the School prize-giving, but this was the first time she had had the pleasure of meeting them in that new and beautiful room. Her Ladyship would like to congratulate the Mother Superior and staff on the excellent report that had been read. It was a special matter of gratification to her that they had an increased number of scholars, and that the average daily attendance was so satisfactory. Mr. Ponsonby also thanked the children for the kind reception given to her ladyship and for the most excellent entertainment that had been provided. In conclusion, he said that in this time of war her ladyship hardly liked to use the usual formula and wish them "A Merry Christmas," but instead to substitute for the word "Merry" the word "Joyful," because even in times of trouble all who tried could receive Holy Joy. Her ladyship wished them all "A very Joyful Christmas" and all good things, especially peace for the ensuing year.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

QUESTIONS BY HON MR. POLLOCK, K.C., AND HON. MR. HOLYOAK.

A meeting of the above is being held this afternoon, when the following agenda will be dealt with:—

The COLONIAL SECRETARY will move:—
It is hereby resolved that the percentages on the valuations of the tenements in the undermentioned places be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—

Takkei, from 11½% to 13%.
Hon Un and Kowloon City Road from the Hung Hom Police Station to the north as far as including Kowloon Inland Lot 1150 and Kowloon Marine Lot 87, from 11½% to 13%.

The Hon. Mr. E. H. POLLOCK, K.C., in accordance with notice of motion, will ask the following questions:—

1. What steps is the Government or His Excellency the Governor taking to fill up the place of the late Mr. Howett on the Executive Council?

2. Is it not the fact that I was a Member of the Executive Council, as Acting Attorney-General, for periods of time amounting to nearly 3 years, and it is not the fact that I acted in addition as an Unofficial Member of that Council during the last absence on leave in Europe of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Howett respectively, in the years 1911 and 1912?

3. Has the Government or has His Excellency the Governor sent any Despatch, and, if so, when, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies recommending any, and, if so, what person as successor to Mr. Howett on the Executive Council?

4. If any such Despatch has been addressed to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has the Right Honourable Gentleman been informed in such Despatch of the facts referred to in the above question 2? Will the Government lay such Despatch (if any) upon the table of this Council?

5. Will the Government recommend to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the two Unofficial Members of the Executive Council shall be elected Members, instead of being nominated by the Government?

6. Will the Government recommend to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies that all the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council shall be elected, instead of two-thirds of them being nominated by the Government, and also that the number of Unofficial Members in that Council be increased?

The Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK will ask the following question:—

With reference to a Router's telegram published in the Daily Press of the 16th December in which it is stated that "In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law said the question of the desirability of removing alien enemies interned in Hongkong was being considered most carefully, and the Secretary of State was corresponding telegraphically with Hongkong on the subject."

Will the Government, for the information of this Council, lay upon the table of this Council the telegrams and despatches which have passed to and fro between the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and this Government, or His Excellency the Governor, upon this subject?

The "Orders of the Day" are as follows:—

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the fees to be paid in this Colony in respect of various things and matters to be granted or done under the provisions of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend further the Tramway Ordinance, 1902."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, 1911."

Second reading of the Bill intitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinances, 1912-1914."

CANTON'S CONTRIBUTION

TO THE RED CROSS HOSPITAL AT ALEXANDRIA.

The following garments, made by the British ladies of Canton, have been shipped by the P. & O. S. S. *Vander* to the British Red Cross Hospital at Alexandria.

19 dozen sponges, 7 dozen triangular bandages, 2 dozen many-tailed bandages, 9 shirts, 13 pairs socks, 1 pair bed socks, 6 helmets, and 5 nightgowns.

PRESIDENTIAL MANDATES.

CONSTITUTION TO BE FRAMED AND KOW-TOWING TO BE ABOLISHED.

By order of the President:—

(1) As the people of the whole nation have decided upon a constitutional monarchy, the framing and promulgation of a constitution should be speedily proceeded with so as to satisfy the eager expectation of our people. The Tangshengyuan is hereby ordered to recommend officials conversant with constitutional laws for our consideration with a view to enabling these officials to discuss and draft the constitution as soon as possible. The Tangshengyuan is also requested to deliberate and suggest the best mode of procedure to be followed concerning the drafting and promulgation of the constitution.

(2) In reference to a former Mandate, ordering the ministers and bureaux to make preparations for the monarchical form of government, the President hereby desires to impress upon them the importance of confining their attention only to what the nation and people and of observing strict economy and simplicity in all matters. All superfluous formalities are to be discarded. The custom of kneeling and other senseless rules of etiquette, handed down from former dynasties, having no bearing on the administration of the government and being distasteful to persons of genius, besides involving a wastage of valuable energy and setting up a barrier to the understanding between high and low, should no longer be tolerated in modern times.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

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CHRISTMAS CAKES FROM \$2.00 EACH.

A Rich Fruit Cake Encrusted with Almond Paste, Iced and Prettily Decorated.

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A Rich Fruit Cake, with Almonds on Top.

SCHOOL CAKES FROM \$1.00 EACH.

A Good Medium Quality Cake, with Almonds on Top, very suitable for Children.

REAL SCOTCH SHORTBREAD FROM \$1.00 EACH.

Mottos Piped on with Sugar, to order.

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All our Cakes and Pastries are made under the personal supervision of our English Manager who was awarded Gold Medals in London, in 1912 and 1913, for Christmas Puddings and Dundree Cakes. The strictest attention to cleanliness in every detail is insisted on at our Bakery, and we guarantee that no substitutes of any description are used in the manufacturing of our goods.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1915.



NOTICE

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and giving name of the applicant and the name of the steamer or other vessel or the name of the person by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for 6 or 8 p.m. at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION between the hours of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1916.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

In connection with the above Competition, a Special Train (in addition to the 11.25 A.M. Train) will leave Kowloon on December 27th, at 11.10 A.M. (last ferry 10.05 A.M.) and is timed to reach Szeung Shui at 11.45 A.M. There will be accommodation for 50 passengers only.

T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1915. [1319]

G. B.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1916, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND above Kennedy Road and South of I. L. 1216, Robinson Road respectively, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at CROWN RENTS to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot 1	W. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. N. 100 ft.	1.00	10,000	10,000	10,000
Lot 2	W. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. N. 100 ft.	1.00	10,000	10,000	10,000

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1915. [1320]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"NOYABA,"
Arrived Hongkong on 22nd December, 1915,
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., as a.s. "Arabia" and
"Kashgar"
From Persian Gulf, ex a.s. B. I. S. N.
and B. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD and DODGINS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. V. PARE,
For Superintendent.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1915. [1321]

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the NIPPON Yusen KAISHA are this Day REMOVED to the Ground Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road Central (formerly occupied by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.). Telephone numbers in use are 293 and 293 (after replacing No. 1241) with Sub-Exchange to each Department.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1915. [1302]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1915. [1316]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Payment of Final Dividend on Shares for the year ending 30th June, 1915.

THE Board having declared a FINAL DIVIDEND of 5% (five per cent), free of Income Tax, for the year ending 30th June, 1915, holders of Registered Shares and holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their dividend on presenting No. 6 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of the following Banks at Shanghai or Tientsin:

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.
THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
THE BANQUE REUNIE DU L'ETANGER.

The payments will be made in either Dollars or Taels as the holder may wish, at the buying rate of exchange of the day.

GENERAL MANAGERS,
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915. [1313]

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 25th and 27th instant.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915. [1314]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

COMPETITIONS will be held over the FANLING Course on MONDAY, 27th December, as follows:—

MORNING.—18 Holes Bogey Competition under Handicap. Entrances fee \$1.00.

AFTERNOON.—Mixed Foursomes Competition 18 holes Medal play under Handicap. Competitors must choose their own partners and opponents.

Entries can be made on the board in the Club Houses at HAPPY VALLEY and FANLING and in the HONGKONG CLUB, or may be sent in writing to the Undersigned, care of Messrs. BRADLEY & Co., Ltd.

Entrance fee \$2.00 per couple.
T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1915. [1285]

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.
(BRITISH SECTION).

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the TIFIN TRAIN due to leave Kowloon at 1.28 P.M. on SATURDAYS will be suspended on SATURDAY, the 25th December and SATURDAY, the 1st January next.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.
Kowloon, 22nd December, 1915. [1317]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE COMMITTEE has decided that the following shall be the Settlement Days for the year 1916:—

FRIDAY, 28th January.
MONDAY, 28th February.
WEDNESDAY, 28th March.
THURSDAY, 27th April.
TUESDAY, 30th May.
WEDNESDAY, 28th June.
FRIDAY, 28th July.
TUESDAY, 28th August.
THURSDAY, 28th September.
FRIDAY, 27th October.
TUESDAY, 28th November.
FRIDAY, 22nd December.

By Order of the Committee,
EDWARD M. RAYMOND,
Hon. Secretary,
HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915. [1308]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 318, dated 25th September, 1915, of Fifty Shares Nos. 9311-9360 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. WEL A. KWONG, of Hongkong, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the document be not forthcoming another Certificate will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.
Dated 13th November, 1915.
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary. [1277]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

LOST.

APPLICATION has been made to this Company to issue Duplicate Certificates of 50 Shares in this Company in the name of Mr. ARTHUR ROBERT DONNELLY or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon Statement that the Original Certificate No. 9518—50 Shares numbered 23477/23493 dated 21st February, 1910, has been LOST or DESTROYED; and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Company the undersigned will then proceed to deal with such application for duplicate.
For the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1915. [1275]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911 AND 1913.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA STEAM FISHERIES COMPANY, LTD.
(IN LIQUIDATION).

FIRST AND FINAL RETURN OF CAPITAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FIRST AND FINAL RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of 12 cents per Share will be Payable on and after TUESDAY, the 28th December, 1915, at the Offices of the Undersigned, New Government Building, Hongkong, during Office hours.

No payment will be made to Shareholders without production of Share Certificates.
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915. [1310]

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Liquidators.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1915. [1311]

HOUSES TO LET

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TWO HOUSES in "STONEHENGE," No. 5, Robinson Road. Newly done-up and remodelled.

Each House contains downstairs Two Good Rooms and upstairs Three Bedrooms, each with Bathroom.

On the whole and Grass Tennis Court. Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1915. [1313]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 51 CONDUIT ROAD, 8 Rooms, 4 Baths, h. & c. Ample Servants' Quarters, Two Tennis Courts. From 1st of March to end of year.

Apply to—
COLBOURNE LITTLE,
18 Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1915. [1307]

TO LET.

OFFICES in Queen's Building.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1915. [1281]

TO LET.

SUITE of WELL FURNISHED ROOMS in Robinson Road Level, with or without board in English Private House.

Apply to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1915. [1282]

TO LET.

NOS. 11 and 13, GAGE STREET, from 1st January, 1916.

Apply to—
J. VINCENT BRAGA,
Toy & Kiosk Kiosk.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1915. [1180]

TO LET.

NOS. 9 and 10, MOUNTAIN VIEW, FRANK.

Apply to—
M. J. D. STEPHENS.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1915. [1170]

TO LET.

"THE KENNELS," 168, Magazine Gap. Thoroughly renovated and repaired.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1915. [1163]

TO LET.

RAYNSHILL EAST, Park Road, containing 6 Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms, Servants' Quarters, &c. Vacant 1st November.

Apply to—
DEACON, LOCKER, DEACON & HARTSON.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1915. [1094]

TO LET.

"GLENSHIEL," No. 141, Plantation Road, Peak, from 1st November, 1915.

Apply to—
LINSTED & DAVIS.
Hongkong, 18th October, 1915. [1089]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Kaitford Terrace, Kowloon.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1915. [1085]

TO LET.

OFFICES in St. George's Building, Second Floor, Overlooking Harbour, immediate possession.

Apply to—
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1914. [109]

TO LET.

OFFICES at 2, Connaught Road.

OFFICES in King's Building, Second Floor, Overlooking Harbour, immediate possession.

Apply to—
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1915. [1275]

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Dated this 21st day of December, 1915. [1311]

INTIMATION



WINES AND SPIRITS

ASSORTED CASES FOR XMAS.

CASE No. 1—\$20.

3 Bottles St. Estephe Claret.
2 Bottles Sherry, Light Dry.
2 Bottles Port, Superior Light Invalid.
2 Bottles Gin.
1 Bottle Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
1 Bottle Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky E Quality.
1 Bottle Dewar's Scotch Whisky.

CASE No. 2—\$26.

1 Bottle St. Marcoux Champagne.
1 Bottle Sparkling Burgundy.
3 Bottles Claret, St. Estephe.
1 Bottle Sherry, Superior Pale Dry, D Quality.
1 Bottle Port, Superior Light Invalid.
1 Bottle Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
1 Bottle Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky E Quality.
1 Bottle Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
1 Bottle Gin.
1 Bottle Creme de Menthe.

CASE No. 3—\$30.

2 Bottles St. Marcoux Champagne.
1 Bottle Sherry, Superior Pale Dry, D Quality.
2 Bottles Port, Superior Light Invalid.
1 Bottle Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky E Quality.
1 Bottle Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
2 Bottles Claret, St. Estephe.
1 Bottle Creme de Menthe.

SPECIAL CASES PUT UP TO ORDER.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

MARRIAGES.

BOYLING—ROBINSON—At Shanghai, on December 16th, at H. B. M. Consulate, Harold G. BOYLING, of Bristol, England, to CLARA, eldest daughter of Mrs. James Robinson, of Shanghai.

LOAN—WOOD—At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on December 11th, Stewart, younger son of Samuel Logan of Gosport, Hants, to Clémence, daughter of the late Alphonse Wood, J.P., of Barnsey, York.

MCULLAGH—JOHNSTONE—At the Wesley Church, Singapore, on December 11th, W. D. McULLAGH, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to Muriel, elder daughter of the late W. J. Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone of Belfast.

NORMAN—NEAL—Edmond College Norman, son of R. G. Norman, of Watford, Herts, England, to ROSE GWYNEDOL NEAL, daughter of William Neal, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire. [1318]

DEATH.

JACKSON—In London on December 21st, Sir THOMAS JACKSON, Bart., Chairman of the London Committee and for many years Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, Des Vaux Road, C. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FINE STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 23rd DECEMBER, 1915.

THE LATE SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

THE news was received in the Colony yesterday with very sincere regret that Sir THOMAS JACKSON, Bart., died suddenly in London on the 21st instant. The deceased gentleman was probably the greatest financier which this Colony has ever known. It was at a time of great commercial depression, when several Far Eastern Banks failed, that the fortunes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation were committed to his care.

Despite its capital of two and a half millions dollars and its influential Directorate, the Bank had passed through many vicissitudes, culminating in 1874-5 in its inability to pay a dividend. Mr. JACKSON, as he was then, took control in 1876 and laboured with unflagging energy and unwavering faith in building up the financial edifice until it became the premier institution of its kind in the Far East. He continued to act as Chief Manager until

1892—a period of twenty-six years—when he retired to England and accepted the position of Chairman of the London Committee. In that time the reserve fund was increased from \$250,000 to \$14,250,000—a splendid monument to his able management.

Sir THOMAS JACKSON's long and honourable career in the Far East commenced in 1864, in which year he arrived in the Colony to join the Agents and Masterman's Bank. That institution he left two years later in order to take service in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. His abilities soon won him promotion.

In 1887 he proceeded to Shanghai in the capacity of accountant, in 1888 he was sent to open a branch at Hankow, and a few months later he was appointed acting manager at Yokohama, the substantive appointment being given to him some three years later, after an interval of eighteen months as sub-manager in Hongkong. In October, 1874, at the conclusion of a holiday at Home, he was made acting manager in London. A year later he resumed charge at Yokohama, but was not allowed to remain there long, for in 1876, as we have said, he was transferred to Hongkong as acting chief manager, in which position he was confirmed within six months. In March, 1880, he was appointed manager in London, but in May, 1880, he was recalled to take the helm once more at the head office. He remained in the Colony only about nine months, however, and then returned again to London, where he continued for upwards of two years. In response to an urgent desire for his presence in Hongkong he came back in 1893, and, with the exception of six months' leave of absence in 1900, remained here until his retirement.

While the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank always had the first place in his thoughts and affections, Sir THOMAS JACKSON found time to discharge many public services. He was the first representative of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council, being elected in 1884, and he was also a Justice of the Peace. He served on the Retirement Committee in 1894, and on the Queen's Statue Committee and the Sanitary Properties Commission in 1896. He also repeatedly acted as Honorary Treasurer to various local funds, which benefited considerably by his persuasive eloquence. Amongst them may be mentioned the Irish Famine Relief Fund of 1880; the Hongkong Jubilee Committee, 1890; Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Committee; the Indian Famine Relief Fund Committee, 1897; the Typhoon Fund, 1900; and Queen Victoria's Memorial Fund, 1901. In the midst of his many activities and great responsibilities he always retained his cheerfulness and urbanity. He loved to do good by stealth, and no one in real need ever sought his assistance in vain. As was said of him on the occasion of his final departure from the Colony by Mr. now Sir ROBERT HO TUNG at the banquet given in his honour by the Chinese community, few men enjoyed greater popularity in Hongkong and none was more entitled to it. No mark of royal favour in the Far East was more deserved or gave wider satisfaction than the conferment of a knighthood on Mr. JACKSON in 1900 and the bestowal of a baronetcy in 1902.

A mail for Europe via Siberia closes to-day at 3 p.m.

The Chenan brought down from Shanghai yesterday fourteen more Subscription Griffs for the Race Meeting. They will be drawn for to-day at 12.30.

It is announced that a special train will leave Kowloon on December 27th at 11.10 a.m. in connection with the Mixed Foursomes Competition at Fan Ling.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$15 from Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mahler to the funds of the Hospitals.

It is learned, says the Peking Daily News, from the Ministry of Finance, that the payment of the Boxer indemnity in the next fiscal year will amount to Tls. 11,695,308 and the interest to Tls. 16,292,388.

The two essential measures of grace in connection with Yuan's ascension to the throne are the rewards to the military and the exemption of land taxes. These have been defined by the Preparatory Bureau as follows:—(1) each soldier will be given as a reward for the occasion one or two dollars, (2) all arrears of land taxes will be exempted throughout the country.

The China Navigation Company has decided to give a bonus of 15 per cent. to its officers, the bonus to be calculated on the basis of salaries from July, up to the end of this month. A bonus for the year ended July 31st, 1915, has already been given.

There will be a special service at the Union Church on Christmas Day, commencing at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald will conduct the service. On New Year's Eve a special will be held in the Church Hall, and the usual watchnight service will follow.

The s.s. Sakuma, Oriental and African Line, when near the Paracels on her trip from The Cape to Hongkong, via Mauritius, developed engine trouble. A wireless message sent 400 miles away has been received by the local agents to the effect that the ship is able to proceed under her own steam at six knots an hour and that she expects to make Hongkong on Friday; she was due on Monday.

Last night's gathering of the Union Church Guild took the form of a Christmas social. Mrs. Macdonald was responsible for the programme, to which the following contributed:—Mrs. Lyle, Misses Rayner and Mackenzie, Messrs. W. L. Handyside and E. R. Dovy (chorus), Mrs. D. Wood, Mrs. Lyle, and Mr. Handyside (songs), Miss Mitchell and Mr. F. Macdonald (pianoforte solos), and Mr. A. Hughes (Hon. Secretary of the Guild), reading.

At an Examination in First Aid recently held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association at the Technical Institute, out of 23 Students examined the following were successful in qualifying for the Junior Certificate:—Wong Cheung Tsun, Ng Wing Yau, Fok Lun Ying, Pan Ping Chun, Lau Ching, Chan Yuk In, Chan Siu Pong, Ku Chik Fu, Ching Hung Kwon. Dr. S. F. Lee was the Hon. Lecturer, and Dr. McLean Gibson acted as Hon. Examiner.

Details have been received at Bangkok of the extent of a disaster that has fallen on the Siamese Peninsula. Torrential rains, a tidal wave and a typhoon have combined to produce a most extraordinary state of things such as no inhabitant of the Peninsula apparently remembers to have experienced before. Thirty-six inches of rain were recorded at Singora in three days, and 16 inches at Bandon in five days. The railway line has been damaged in several places, but not so badly as might have been expected in such circumstances.

Admiral Tam Heuch-hen, Director of the River Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, has submitted to the President a new map of the rivers of Kwangtung drawn up by the conservancy engineers. With this map as a basis, he has formed plans for the building of dykes at important places along the Feikiang and Si-kiang so as to prevent the recurrence of floods such as were experienced in Canton and other cities last summer. The funds for repairing and building the dykes will be contributed by the merchants of Kwangtung; but the Conservancy Bureau will send engineers to make detailed plans and superintend the work.

The billiard tournament in connection with the R.N. Dockyard Police Mess was wound up with a concert and the distribution of prizes last evening. About 41 entered for the competition, which commenced on the 3rd November. The prize-winners were:—1, Sergt. Small, K.S.L.I., who was given a silver cup; 2, O.P.O. Adams, H.M.S. Tamar; 3, Mr. W. B. Cawsey; 4, Mr. Ellery; highest break for non prize-winner, Mr. W. Bearne; consolation, Sanitary Inspector Haigh; trophy, O.P.O. Hunkon, Empress of Russia. Inspector Churcher presented the prizes. To the musical programme the following contributed:—Lieut. Corpls. Perrin and White, R.E. Mr. H. Linfield, Corpl. Hutchley, Sergt. Moss (Hongkong Police), O.P.O. Mackenzie, Messrs. W. B. Cawsey, W. Bearne, Williams, T. Thorne, White, and Paul. Sergt. Loder was the accompanist.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG v. KOWLOON.

The following will represent Hongkong in the above match on the Club ground on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Play will commence at 2.15 p.m. on the 25th and at 10.30 a.m. on the 26th:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), R. N. Anderson, R. E. O. Bird, R. A. Brand, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Gace, R. O. Hutchison, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, H. E. Muriel, and F. Syme-Thomson.

THE WAR.

RUSSIANS INVADE BULGARIA.

LANDING EFFECTED AT VARNA.

MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH.

THREE WOUNDED IN DARDANELLES WITHDRAWAL.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH ATTACK.

ENEMY STRONGHOLD IN PERSIA CAPTURED.

THE BALKANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIANS INVADE BULGARIA.

LANDING EFFECTED AT VARNA.

LONDON, December 22nd.

The Athens correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* says that the Russians landed at Varna (Bulgaria's principal Black Sea port) after razing the town. The garrison lost heavily, but did not interfere with the landing.

BULGARIANS IN GREEK TERRITORY.

ATHENS, December 21st.

The entry of the Bulgarians into Greek Macedonia with the Germans is forming the subject of diplomatic pourparlers.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE PROMISED GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

MOVEMENTS "A TIME-HONOURED TRICK."

LONDON, December 22nd.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters in France, referring to neutral reports of a big German offensive, says that one place where the ominous warning is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front. A Staff Officer to whom he mentioned the matter smiled and said:—"True, there has been a lot of coming and going of Germans lately, but we know exactly the real meaning of it all. You remember the historic General who marched his little army round and round a hill till the spectacle got on his adversary's nerves, causing a stampede. The net result of what the Germans are now doing resembles this time-honoured trick."

MINOR FRENCH SUCCESS.

PARIS, December 21st.

A communiqué states that the general cannonade has slackened. The French have been successful in minor operations, especially in the bombardment of German movements in Lorraine.

FINE FRENCH ATTACK.

GERMAN WORKS OCCUPIED.

PARIS, December 22nd.

The evening communiqué says that bad weather hampered the operations along a great part of the front. Nevertheless the French artillery bombarded German communication trenches in the northern portion of the front, dispersing supply convoys. The French successfully bombarded an enemy salient on Rupé Height, north of Pont-a-Mousson.

A fine attack, following artillery preparation, enabled the French to occupy a considerable portion of the German works at Hermaans Wolderkopf, the French capturing a number of prisoners.

GUN THUNDERING.

AMSTERDAM, December 22nd.

There has again been great gun-thundering in the direction of Ypres. No news is obtainable from the front but of still greater railway activity, especially of German hospital trains.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MR. ASQUITH'S WAR STATEMENT.

"EVERYTHING GROWING STEADILY IN OUR FAVOUR."

THREE CASUALTIES ONLY IN DARDANELLES WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, December 21st.

The House of Commons presented an animated scene to-day when Mr. Asquith moved that the House adopt the estimate for a million additional men.

He announced that at the end of sixteen months we had a fighting force of 1,250,000 in the various theatres of the war.

DARDANELLES WITHDRAWAL.

He emphasized that the total casualties in the withdrawal from the Dardanelles were only three wounded, one of whom was a Naval man. (Cheers.)

He intimated that British troops remained at Sedd-el-Bahr, where the Naval and Military forces commanded the entrance to the Straits. They had reluctantly left "Anzac" where the Australians had won undying fame. Everything had been brought off except some stores and six guns, which were destroyed.

WASTAGE OF MEN.

Turning to the question of men, the Prime Minister pointed out that the wastage was enormous; consequently they should aim at getting every man of military age who was physically qualified, and also increase the aggregate fighting force consistent with national necessities. He regretted that he was unable to give the results of Lord Derby's scheme; the figures required the Cabinet's most careful attention.

The Prime Minister reiterated his pledge to the married men.

ALLIED WAR CONFERENCES.

Mr. Asquith dwelt on the vast importance of the Allied War Conference at Paris. Conclusions of the utmost importance were reached and there was absolute unanimity on the part of all the Allies, who were determined to persist and win the war.

He remarked that at present the campaign superficially might seem against us, but everything was growing steadily in favour of our side.

DOMINIONS AND THE CABINET.

Mr. Asquith said he did not think the proposal to include representatives of the Dominions in the Cabinet was practical. Mr. Bonar Law had already intimated to the Dominions that they would be consulted as to the terms of peace and that the Imperial Government would warmly welcome any Premiers who were able to come and have free and frank discussions.

The House of Commons, after an all-night sitting, voted the Army Estimate without a division.

HIGH TREASON PRISONERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

JOHANNESBURG, December 22nd.

Forty-five prisoners convicted of high treason are still imprisoned. The cases will be considered later.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WINNING POWER OF MUNITIONS.

LONDON, December 22nd.

A continuation of Mr. Lloyd George's speech regarding munitions states that he referred to the vivid example of the winning power of munitions which was given in the battle of Loos. Everything was destroyed except one machine-gun emplacement, in front of which lay hundreds of gallant men. Hence, money spared in munitions was spilt in blood. The way to victory was by shells, which crash through everything, shattering every machine-gun and every yard of barbed wire. "We cannot turn out too much, and such ideas will not enter the mind of the workmen, capitalists or taxpayers until we are able to crush our way to victory." If risks had to be taken let them confine the risks to the pockets of the taxpayers, and not to the lives of men. The proper economy was not to reduce the output, but the cost.

CHANCES OF VICTORY STILL WITH US.

Mr. Lloyd George added that everything depended upon the next few months. The decisions arrived at at the last Allied conference would affect the whole conduct of the war, but the carrying out of them rested upon the workmen, and he appealed to their patriotism. The chances of victory were still with us, and our best chances remained. We had accomplished our sea task to the last letter, we had an overwhelming superiority in raw materials, we had ready access to neutrals, and we had the better cause. But this was the moment of intense preparation, the moment for putting the whole of our energies at home into preparing for the blow we had to strike abroad.

COMPULSORY SERVICE QUESTION.

IRISH PARTY'S OPPOSITION VIGOROUS MAIDEN SPEECH BY WELSH M.P.

LONDON, December 21st.

In the House of Commons Mr. John Redmond (Leader of the Irish Nationalist Party) declared that the Irish Party would oppose compulsion under present conditions by every means in their power.

Mr. Stanton, the new member for Merthyr, in a remarkable maiden speech, vigorously denounced "the hypocritical nonsense," and said that if the people would not volunteer they must be fetched. (Loud cheers.) If the country was good enough to live in it was good enough to fight for. (Cheers.) He concluded by saying that the House must only consider what was best for the nation. (Loud cheers.) "We are capable of doing infinitely more than we have done," he declared. He appealed to everyone to join to make "the boys in the field" feel that the whole country was behind them. "We have unbounded resources and courage. Let us banish humbug and all stand up and fight like Britons." (Loud cheers.)

BRITISH HIGHER COMMAND.

LONDON, December 21st.

Mr. Asquith stated in the House of Commons that General Sir W. R. Robertson had been recalled from France and made Chief of the Imperial General Staff in place of General Sir Archibald Murray, who was about to receive an important command.

MYSTERIOUS AMERICAN MISSION.

WASHINGTON, December 22nd.

It is announced that Colonel House, a friend of President Wilson, will shortly proceed to Europe at the President's request to deliver to certain American Ambassadors information regarding the Government's attitude toward various pending questions. It is denied that the journey is in any way a peace mission.

FRENCH "LOAN OF VICTORY."

PARIS, December 22nd.

The French Loan returns are still incomplete, but the subscriptions are estimated at \$600,000,000.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENEMY COMPLETELY BEATEN IN PERSIA.

STRONGHOLD OF CONSPIRATORS CAPTURED.

PETROGRAD, December 22nd.

The Russians occupied Kum, the stronghold of the German agents, after a great battle in which the enemy was completely defeated.

NEW GERMAN MINISTER TO TEHRAN.

AMSTERDAM, December 22nd.

A Berlin telegram says that "owing to the absence through illness" of Prince Reuss, Consul-General Vassel, who is at present the diplomatic representative at Headquarters at Bagdad, becomes Minister at Teheran.

DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

DEFENDING ON BIG WAR INDEMNITIES.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Every day there is fresh confirmation of the trouble and distress caused in Germany through lack of food, and an extreme scarcity of butter. The making of Christmas cakes is forbidden in Saxony, and no milk is allowed with tea or coffee in the restaurants. That Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extrication from its financial chaos was admitted by Herr Hefferich in the Reichstag. The occasion was a speech in which he endeavoured to break the people in to the idea of war taxation. He said "War brings us a colossal burden of taxation, no matter how high the war indemnity, on which, of course, we count."

MRS. ASQUITH AND THE "GLOBE."

AN INJUNCTION GRANTED.

LONDON, December 22nd.

The King's Bench Division has granted Mrs. Asquith an injunction against the *Globe*. Her Counsel said that there was not a shadow of truth in the statements made, and he affirmed also that Mrs. Asquith had never been to Donington Hall, and had no communication with any of the inmates.

SIR IAN HAMILTON.

LONDON, December 22nd.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that General Sir Ian Hamilton was not returning from the Near East, and that if any other duties were assigned to him an announcement would be made in due course.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS AND THE HOLIDAY.

LONDON, December 21st.

No papers will be published in Britain on Christmas-day and no evening papers on Monday.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK.

LONDON, December 22nd.

The British steamers *Hundley* and *Belford* have been sunk. The crew of the latter were saved.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SEIZED BY GERMANS.

CHRISTIANIA, December 22nd.

The Norwegian steamer *Greenland* has been captured by a German submarine and taken to Swinemunde.

WAR BREVITIES.

The Australian Federal Government has suspended all enemy trade-marks.

Convivial Londoners are buying each other cigars instead of drinks. For once it is perhaps a good thing that legislation should end in smoke.

Yorkshire miners are enjoying a period of almost unparalleled prosperity, and in the Doncaster area there are few who are earning less than 2s. a week.

The High Court, in London, has reserved judgment in a case which raised the question whether the Act of Settlement disqualified naturalized aliens from sitting as Privy Counsellors.

WHY GERMANY SEEKS PEACE.

RESOURCES OF THE ALLIES INCOMPARABLY GREATER.

"Germany is beaten" is the heading of an exhaustive leader in a recent issue of the *New York Tribune*. Germany and Austria are outnumbered. The wealth and resources of Great Britain, France, and Russia are incomparably greater. British sea power has destroyed German commerce and sealed German harbours, while for the Allies the sea brings all the resources of America and the Colonies to the battle lines. A single significant fact of the military situation now is that Germany is bleeding to death. It may take a year or two to bleed Germany white, but the process is going on steadily and remorselessly and as it goes on Germany continues to fail to get a decision. The German opportunity to obtain a decision has passed. The proof of this assertion is that to the Balkans Germany had to abandon the Russian dream. Apart from local operations at Riga the effort to crush Russian military power has been abandoned. Russia has been left to recuperate as France and England were left to consolidate their positions after the Marne and Yser. In the West Germany is barely hanging on. Viewing the war from this angle it is clear why German statesmen talk and think of peace. There is no corresponding talk in London, Paris, or Petrograd. Bernhardt foretold with inexorable logic that if Germany failed to get a decision over one of her several foes before all were ready she must lose. And she failed—failed utterly, in spite of local successes. Germany is now approaching what will be her last great bid for victory, but it will not be made on the battlefield. That is over. It will be made in conferences, in peace negotiations, and in operations through neutrals. If these fail we shall presently see the whole character of the conflict change, and an utterly new spirit flow from the Rhine to the Vistula.

BOLD UTTERANCES BY THE "VORWAERTS."

The *Vorwaerts* of Berlin published an article entitled "The War to a Finish." For boldness of utterance this article has never been surpassed since the beginning of the war. *Vorwaerts* at once makes it clear that neither England nor France shows any desire for yielding. The leading statesmen of France and England, says *Vorwaerts*, are as firmly determined as the Imperial Chancellor to continue the war until victory has crowned their arms. On November 2nd and 3rd Mr. Asquith and M. Briand explained to the representatives of England and France the aspect which the events of the war had in their eyes. *Vorwaerts* points out that it altogether depends on how such matters are presented. The British and French presentations are, of course (says the Berlin paper), erroneous, nonsensical, and ridiculous, but there they are, and to speak of an immediate peace in presence of such statements is worse than ridiculous. "And who was it that spoke of peace before Christmas?"

"The question for us (Germany) to consider is: What is this victory to which we are looking forward to be like? What objects are to be obtained? Victory is a relative term, and different statesmen mean different things when they use this word. In autumn 1914 Mr. Asquith declared that England would not sheathe the sword until Belgium had been compensated for all the sacrifices she had made, until France was assured against every threat of attack, until the smaller nationalities of Europe were safe in their existences, and until the military domination of Prussia had been completely and finally destroyed. "This programme," says *Vorwaerts*, "is not quite clear, and contains too many phrases."

"One would have thought that, after 15 months of the most terrible war which the world has ever seen, statesmen ought to be able to render a more precise answer to this question. One would have thought that they might have been able to tell the nations why they are shedding their blood, what object they have before them, and what the prize is for which they are striving; but instead of all this we have nothing but phrases like 'the defence of one's Fatherland,' 'Freedom,' 'Justice,' 'Kultur'—phrases which mean nothing to-day. They are simply words, nothing more. Does it not really appear as though these statements of all parties feared to betray their plans? And it is not France and England alone who veil their conditions of peace in fog."

"The German Government is just as itself regarding the objects of this war it has confined itself to phrases which, however suitable they may be in firing the enthusiasm of soldiers when about to make an attack, are nevertheless wanting in the necessary clearness which we would like to have with regard to Germany's intentions."

"For 12 months we have been listening to what is not true. Surely it cannot be taken amiss if we express a desire to hear once in way what is true, and what the German Government really considers is their object in this war."

"We are told that it is 'the others' who must beg for peace, for we are the victors; but unfortunately 'the others' do not feel themselves vanquished and in this way we come to no result. The war goes on unendingly, because both parties are anxious not to limit, and not even to alter their demands. They are afraid lest this openness might be regarded as a sign of weakness, and so it may happen that this war may end with the complete exhaustion of all. If that is to be prevented, the Governments must leave the region of generalisations and get hold of a positive programme. If they are unable to do this, if they themselves have no clear picture of their aims and intentions, then let the flood gates of public discussion be opened. In that case there won't soon be clearness, and we hope that there would soon be peace."

CORRESPONDENCE.

SANITATION IN HONGKONG.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—On arriving in Singapore recently and taking up a local newspaper one of the first things to catch my eye was a discussion by the Municipal Board on the question of water closets. The people of Singapore, unlike those of Hongkong, do not think that what is good enough for certain rural districts in Great Britain is good enough for them. Singapore is not only encouraging the introduction of water-closets but is bringing pressure to bear on landlords to put them in where they do not at present exist. To use Councilor Bean's own words: "There are few cities in the Far East better administered than Singapore. As for the remarks of the Attorney-General about water closets, I wonder whether that gentleman has given a single thought to the fact that this City is spending millions of dollars in order to do away with the existing terrible nuisance (hand-carriage system). What is the use of spending these millions if it was not going to be made compulsory for householders to put in the new conveniences?"

In Hongkong we have no Municipal Board, but we have an institution known as the Sanitary Board, whose sphere of action is very limited and whose approval to such Sanitary measures as come within its scope are frequently negated by the Executive Council.

Singapore is flat and therefore less amenable to a water-carriage system than Hongkong. Why then does Hongkong lag behind? Insufficient water-supply, some will say. Generally speaking, granted, but this hardly applies to the numerous residents in Hongkong, both European and Chinese, who would gladly go to the expense of providing their own water-supply by sinking wells or damming streams which at present run to waste or to Kowloon, where a plentiful water-supply can be obtained almost anywhere on the lowlands by sinking wells. The disgusting nature of the hand-carriage system few will be found to deny; the numerous cases of typhoid which crop up from time to time at the higher and intermediate levels in houses where no water closets exist must cause others besides myself furiously to think. Can anyone inform me whether any case of typhoid other than imported has occurred in buildings supplied with W.C.s? I know of none. To the best of my knowledge and belief they have all occurred in places where the hand-carriage system exists. London is the largest city in the world, it has also the greatest number of water-closets, yet it is the healthiest big city in the world and comparatively free from typhoid.—Yours truly,

HENRY HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

BORIC ACID IN MILK.

CASE AGAINST KOWLOON DAIRY DISMISSED.

The Sanitary Department prosecuted Messrs. Ahwee, proprietors of the Kowloon Dairy, before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday for selling milk containing boric acid. On the 23rd and the 24th November Inspectors of the Sanitary Department visited the defendants' shop in Kowloon and purchased two bottles of milk. In a sample of one were found 6.40 grains of boric acid, and in sample of the other 4.03 grains.

Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defence, said he was relying strongly on the fact that, assuming there was boric acid in the milk, and assuming for a moment that it had been added by Mr. Ahwee or his servants, it did not constitute an offence under the Food and Drug Ordinance, because it was not to the prejudice of the consumer. Boric acid in milk, he also said, was only used as a preservative. He would also produce authorities to show that in milk there was always a portion of boric acid, but not to the amount certified by the Government Analyst.

His worship said the point was whether it was a foreign matter, and Mr. E. H. Dovey (Government Analyst) went into the witness-box and deposed that it was. Cross-examined by Mr. P. W. Goldring, who handed him a copy of the *Analyst*, published last year, he agreed that it was possible to detect boric acid in ordinary milk by a modern and delicate process, described in that paper. It was not detectable until quite recently, and it would be only about seven grains per gallon.

His worship—That found in the samples taken in the case would be about six or eight times as much as should be found in natural milk?—Yes.

His worship said that in view of that evidence he could not accept Mr. Goldring's submission.

Mr. Ahwee was then called, and said that neither he nor his servants put boric acid in the milk. No boric acid was ever used in his house to his knowledge. Mr. Goldring then dealt with his contention that boric acid was a preservative, and asked permission to recall Mr. Dovey.

Mr. Dovey stated that it was a preservative in the case of milk. It was considered to be no use unless an amount of 70 grains per gallon was put in, which was much in excess of what he found in the defendants' milk. The milk in question was of high quality, and well over the limit. He agreed that, in the quantities in which he found it, the boric acid would not be injurious. Boric acid was frequently prescribed for various ailments.

Mr. Goldring said that the boric acid might have been in the medicine bottle brought by the Sanitary Inspector, and ultimately his Worship dismissed the case, holding that insufficient care had been exercised in the washing of the bottles used by the Sanitary Inspectors.

in the country and of the those outside the country. They had taken their chance and had seen the possibility of making their profit. He found them guilty, but deferred sentence.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

CHENAN, British str., 1,350, 2nd December—Shanghai 19th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
CHINOW, British str., from Canton, 21st December.
DALIN MARU, Japanese str., 1,573, J. Saito, 22nd December—Swatow 21st December, General—Onaka Shosen Kaisha.
FEICHING, Chinese str., 990, B. Baines, 21st December—Shanghai 18th December, General—Chinese.
FOOCHOW, British str., 1,223, R. Owen, 22nd December—Hongkong 19th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
NOVABA, British str., 4,250, H. R. Hetherington, 22nd December—Bombay 2nd December, General—P. & O. S.N. Co.
HAIKON, British str., 1,186, J. S. Thomson, 22nd December—Fochow 18th December, General—Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.
SHANTUNG, British str., from Canton, 21st December.
TUNGSHING, British str., 1,177, Hussey, 21st December—Saigon 19th December, Rice and General—Order.

CLEARANCES

IN THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
KAIKONG, British str., for Hoihow.
NOVABA, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

December 22nd.

CHUYEN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
CHUNHANG, British str., for Haiphong.
DAIO MARU, Jap. str., for Haiphong.
HUKAN, British str., for Canton.
KURICHOW, British str., for Manila.
NIPPON MARU, Jap. str., for Miki.
ULV, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
WIMBLEDON, Brit. str., for Chinwangtao.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Haitan*, from Foochow, etc. Mrs. C. E. Brookland and 2 children, Mrs. S. Stirling and child, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McHugh and baby, Messrs. W. F. Ford, Wm. Forsyth, S. F. McGrath, J. S. Damag.

Per *Novara*, for Hongkong, from Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. P. May, from Colombo, Mr. A. H. Barlow, from London, Mr. Bergs, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. F. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. G. Willis, 2 children and 2 infants, Mr. W. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hesse, from Singapore, Mrs. Borsdorff, Mr. W. V. Rooyen, Mr. E. R. Weare, Mr. F. Dennis and native servant, Mr. J. F. Smalley, Mr. W. Baker, Mr. J. A. Clarke, Dr. Moran, Mr. V. R. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. P. Amaral and 2 infants, Mr. J. L. G. Ezerman, and Mr. W. H. Moore.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

CHINCHOW, British str., 1,195, Jas. Doyle, 17th December—Post Passaval, 18th December, Lime Stone—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
CHOFU MARU, Japanese str., 1,533, S. Orii, 21st December—Haiphong 19th December, Rice—Order.
FAUBANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Makin, 17th December—Saigon 16th December, Rice and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FOOSHING, British str., 1,493, Jas. M. Hay, 20th December—Sourabaya, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HUKAN MARU, Japanese str., 2,215, S. Okuyama, 18th December—Mojil 18th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
HONGKONG, French str., 739, A. Marguerite, 18th December—Haiphong 16th December, General—A. R. Marty.
KASHING, British str., 1,148, Beyer, 14th December—Shanghai 10th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
KURIAN, British str., 1,240, E. B. Jones, 13th December—Tientsin 6th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,432, Mac Arthur, 13th December—Shanghai 10th December, General—Chinese.
MIDDLEHAM CASTLE, British str., 2,900, Griffiths, 18th December—New York 10th December, Ballast—Dodwell & Co.
LYOON, British str., 1,453, J. W. Walker, 20th December—Shanghai 16th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
MOIRA, British str., 1,247, J. Tolmes, 20th November—Newcastle, N.S.W. 20th November, Ballast—Order.
MYOON MARU, Japanese str., 1,741, K. Munakata, 13th December—Wakamatsu 7th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 1,400, S. Suzuki, 11th December—Rajang 4th December, Timber—Dodwell & Co.
NIKKEO MARU, Japanese str., 3,073, B. Takida, 12th December—Manila 9th December, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 2,331, S. Zimbo, 20th December—Miki 14th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
SHINTO MARU, Japanese str., 6,362, W. O. T. S. Filmer, 21st December—San Francisco 20th November, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
TIENTSIN, British str., 1,980, Copan, 20th December—Chiofo 14th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
TUNGOTU MARU, Japanese str., 1,259, K. Takashima, 18th December—Chinwangtao 11th December, Coal—Dodwell & Co.
TUNOUS, Norwegian str., 1,031, C. Corneliusen, 20th December—Swatow 18th December, Rice—Thorson & Co.
YOKOHAMA MARU, Japanese str., 3,817, M. Shinohara, 14th December—Shanghai 11th December, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
YUSUEN, British str., 1,733, W. M. Mooney, 21st December—Manila 15th December, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

* maintain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into four sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "1", nearest Hongkong "2", midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "3", and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "4", together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Bako Pier. 3. From Bako Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & NO.	DATE	CAPTAIN	FOR PASSENGERS APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & BOMBAY VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	NANKIN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	G. Manley	P. & O. S.N. Co.	On 30th inst. at 3 P.M.
LONDON & BOMBAY VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	NOVABA	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	H. R. Hetherington	P. & O. S.N. Co.	About 14th Jan.
MANZILLA, LONDON & VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KASHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Tabata	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst. at Noon.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS.	ATHOS	Fr. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 28th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA KURE, &c.	YOKOHAMA MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
VICTORIA & TACOMA VIA MANILA, NAGASAKI, &c.	MANILA MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	On 4th inst. at 3 P.M.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	KATHLEEN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 10th Jan.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	SHINTO MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	TOYO KISEN KAI	On 25th inst. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	AMAKAN	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	TOYO KISEN KAI	On 9th Jan.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA & JAPAN, &c.	FRISHA MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	About 31st Jan.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 2nd Feb.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTAGUE	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Feb.
MEXICAN PORTS & CHINA PORTS VIA JAPAN	KITO MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	TOYO KISEN KAI	On 8th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	GIBBS, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 12th Jan. at 11 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan. at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st Jan.
DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c.	KATHLEEN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	To-morrow.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan. at 10 A.M.
TSINGTAI & FALIN	TIENTSIN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst. at Noon.
TSIENTSIN	RUICHOW	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	SONRAY MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	On 20th inst. at D'light.
SHANGHAI	HOPKINS	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COLOMBY MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst. at D'light.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst. at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ANSHU	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	On 30th inst.
SHANGHAI	NAMKANG	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	About 30th inst.
SHANGHAI	TIENTSIN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st inst. at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ATSUBA MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst. at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NEILSON	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	P. & O. S.N. Co.	On 25th inst. at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DAISY MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	To-day, at 8 A.M.
TAMU, & K'ELUNG VIA SVATOW & AMOY	SHANTUNG	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	To-day, at 2 P.M.
ANPING & TAKAO VIA SVATOW & AMOY	SHANTUNG	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & CO.	On 25th inst. at 1 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAINAN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
MANILA	YUSUEN	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst. at 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TRAM	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	On 31st inst. at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan. at 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TAMING	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 8 A.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	SHANG MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	OSAKA SHOSHU KAISHA	To-day, at 8 A.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	LUYON MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst. at 3 P.M.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA & COLOMBO	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	On 31st inst. at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOOSHING	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	On 29th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	BATAY	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 25th Jan.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	TITABORUM	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	THE BANK LINE, LTD.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	SALAMIS	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst. at Noon.
BAKHOI & HAIPHONG	KALIFONG	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LD.	
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	14th Dec.	Shiocho		

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* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "FOOSHING" ... Tuesday, 27th Dec. 3 P.M.
* SHANGHAI KOBE & MOJI "NAMSANG" ... Thursday, 30th Dec. D'light.
* SANDAKAN "MAUSANG" ... Friday, 31st Dec. Noon.
* SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "KUMSANG" ... Friday, 31st Dec. 3 P.M.
* MANILA "LOONGSANG" ... Friday, 31st Dec. 3 P.M.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The str. *Montague* left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., and is due to arrive at Vancouver on Saturday, the 1st January.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Mauang, from Sandakan, is due in Hongkong to-day.

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VESSELS ON THE BERKE.

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1915.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1915. 1251

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE, NELLORE About } Freight and
Usual Ports of Call Capt. A. M. King, } 7th Jan. } Passage

LONDON and BOMBAY via NOVABA About } Freight and
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1915.

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SHANGHAI "SHANTUNG" On 24th Dec. 4 P.M.
TSINGTAO and FALIN "TIENSIN" On 24th Dec. Noon.
SHANGHAI "CHENAN" On 26th Dec. 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO "TEAN" On 26th Dec. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI "ANHUI" On 28th Dec. 4 P.M.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE

STEAMER	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
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EASTERN	30th Jan.	On 31st Jan. 11 A.M.
ALDENHAM		On 23rd Feb. 11 A.M.

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CHIYO MARU 22,000—21 knots TUES., 25th Jan.

DAIREN MARU 8,000—14 knots TUESDAY, 1st Mar.

TENYO MARU 22,000—21 knots TUES., 15th Feb.

NIPPON MARU 11,000—5 knots TUESDAY, 29th Feb.

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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK

Steamer	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Due at	Due
YOKOHAMA	to	SHANGHAI	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES and LONDON	MARSEILLES	LONDON
	COLOMBO	HAIPHONG	about	about	1916	1916
Dec. 18 1915	NANKIN	Dec. 26 1915	Dec. 30 1915	MAJOJA	Jan. 29	Feb. 5
Jan. 2 1916	NOVARA	Jan. 10 1916	Jan. 14 1916	ARABIA	Feb. 12	Feb. 19
Jan. 16 1916	SABINE	Jan. 24 1916	Jan. 28 1916	KARMA	Feb. 26	Mar. 4
Jan. 30 1916	SABINE	Feb. 7 1916	Feb. 11 1916	KYBER	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
Feb. 12 1916	NAMUR	Feb. 20 1916	Feb. 24 1916	MEDINA	Mar. 25	Apr. 1
Feb. 27 1916	NANKIN	Mar. 6 1916	Mar. 10 1916	MONGOLIA	Apr. 8	Apr. 15
Mar. 13 1916	NOVARA	Mar. 20 1916	Mar. 24 1916	MALWA	Apr. 22	Apr. 29
Mar. 26 1916	MALTA	Apr. 3 1916	Apr. 7 1916	MOOLTAN	May 6	May 13

Steamers proceed via Bombay.

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in
Hongkong at the time of Booking.

The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows:—

	1st Saloon	2nd Saloon	3rd Saloon	Accommodation	Single	Return
LONDON	£74	£52	£48	£70	£50	£100
MARSEILLES	£70	£48	£44	£66	£46	£92

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

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LONDON

CARRYING 1ST AND 2ND SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES

STEAMERS	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Due at	Due
	YOKOHAMA	SHANGHAI	HONGKONG	S'PORE	Marseilles	LONDON
	about 1916	about 1916	about 1916	about 1916	about 1916	about 1916
NELLORE	Jan. 17	Jan. 27	Feb. 2	Feb. 8	Mar. 9	Mar. 16
MONGARA	Jan. 31	Feb. 10	Feb. 16	Feb. 22	Mar. 23	Mar. 30
NORE	Feb. 28	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 27
NAGAYA	April 10	April 20	April 26	May 2	June 1	June 9

These Steamers call also at FORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG and COLOMBO.

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1st Saloon £68 Single £87 Return, 2nd Saloon £42 Single £63 Return

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1st Saloon £64 Single £84 Return, 2nd Saloon £40 Single £60 Return

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Owing to the War in Europe, Steamers and sailing dates are liable to be cancelled or altered
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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES and LONDON	KASHIMA MARU	21,000	THURSDAY, 30th Dec., at Noon.
via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	MISHIMA MARU	16,000	THURSDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KORE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA MARU	12,500	THURSDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
	SADO MARU	12,500	TUESDAY, 11th Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, BAMBOANGA, THURSDAY, ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU	9,500	FRIDAY, 14th Jan., at 4 P.M.
	HITACHI MARU	13,500	TUESDAY, 15th Feb., at 4 P.M.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON	KAGA MARU	12,500	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA and COLOMBO	PENANG MARU	3,000	MONDAY, 3rd Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KORE	BOMBAY MARU	8,000	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KORE and YOKOHAMA	ATSUTA MARU	16,000	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., at 10 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KORE and YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU	9,600	FRIDAY, 14th Jan., at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KORE and YOKOHAMA	COLOMBO MARU	8,000	SATURDAY, 25th Dec., at Noon.

* Wireless Telegraphy.

SOME PRINCIPAL FARES.

To	1st	2nd	3rd	Return	To	1st	2nd	3rd	Return
London	£60	£40	£30	£100	Marseilles	£50	£30	£20	£90
" "	£40	£20	£10	£70	" "	£40	£20	£10	£70
To London, Southampton, Liverpool via New York	£60	£40	£30	£100	To Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Montreal	£20	£10	£5	£40
To Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Montreal	£20	£10	£5	£40	To Sydney, 1st Single	£40	1st Return	£75	£115
To Yokohama, 1st Return	£150	1st Return	£125	£185	To Kobe, 1st Return	£125	1st Return	£100	£150
" 2nd	£80	" 2nd	£65	£125	" 2nd	£65	" 2nd	£50	£85

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